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SUBJ: POSSIBLE ROMANIAN ARMY REDUCTION INITIATIVE AT
BELGRADE

REF: (A) BUCHAREST 0344; (B) USNATO 0269

1. DURING MY MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU FEB 1,
HE MENTIONED HIS POSITIVE REACTION TO PRESIDENT
CARTER'S STRESS ON DISARMAMENT, ESPECIALLY ON THE
NEED FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT, BUT THEN WENT ON TO
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OBSERVE THAT HE HOPED THESE SENTIMENTS WOULD BE TRANS-
LATED INTO ACTION. SO FAR AS ROMANIA WAS CONCERNED,
HE CONTINUED, THE BELGRADE MEETING THIS SUMMER WOULD
OFFER AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE SOME SERIOUS
FIRST STEPS TOWARD REAL DISARMAMENT. IN THE ROMANIAN
VIEW, FOR EXAMPLE, AN ACROSS-THE-BOARD CUT OF 5-10
PERCENT WOULD SERVE THAT PURPOSE WITHOUT ENDANGERING

THE PRESENT EQUILIBRIUM IN EUROPE. WHEN I OBJECTED THAT WE DIDN'T FEEL THERE WAS A REAL BALANCE AT PRESENT, HE RESPONDED THAT THE SIZE OF CUTS HE WAS TALKING ABOUT WOULD NOT PREJUDICE OUR POSITION BUT WOULD STILL BE AN EARNEST OF SERIOUS INTENTIONS OF MOVING TOWARD ACTUAL DISARMEMENT, IN ANY EVENT HE SAID ROMANIA WAS WORKING ON VARIOUS WAYS TO HELP ENSURE A MEANINGFUL RESULT FROM THE BELGRADE MEETING.

2. COMMENT: THOUGH CEAUSESCU SPOKE IN A BELGRADE CSCE CONTEXT, THE THRUST OF HIS STATEMENTS WAS CONSISTENT WITH LONGSTANDING ROMANIAN DESIRES TO MOVE THE MBFR TALKS INTO MORE ACTIVE GEAR AND IN THAT SENSE WITH THE PROPOSAL FOR A COMPLEX EQUATION MENTIONED IN REFTEL B.
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